

# Stay Connected to the Vine

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## Main point:

We were created to live daily in a deep, intimate relationship with Jesus, that we might bear fruit and bring glory to God.

## The Vine and the Branches

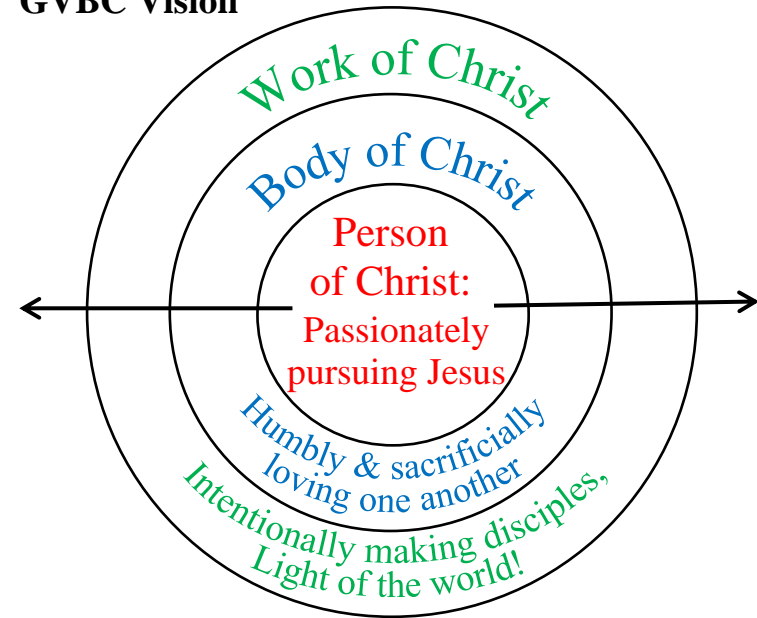
<sup>1</sup>“I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. <sup>2</sup>He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. <sup>3</sup>You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you.”

- Jesus is the true vine
- Branch that bears no fruit → cut off
- Branch that bears fruit → pruned → more fruit
- Fruit
  - Christlike \_\_\_\_\_ on the inside (Gal. 5:22-23)
  - Christlike \_\_\_\_\_ on the outside (Col. 3:12-17)
- Pruning
  - When I deny myself and take up my cross (Luke 9:23)

## Why should we stay connected to the vine?

- We fulfill our \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_  
<sup>4</sup>“Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. <sup>5</sup>I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.”
- We become \_\_\_\_\_ with God’s will and \_\_\_\_\_ him  
<sup>6</sup>“If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. <sup>7</sup>If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup>This is to my Father’s glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.”

## GVBC Vision



## How do we stay connected to the vine?

1. Cultivate spiritual \_\_\_\_\_
2. Confess spiritual \_\_\_\_\_
3. Commit to spiritual \_\_\_\_\_